

## BRYCE DEPLORES LESS BIBLE STUDY

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Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.  
LONDON, Jan. 2.—Viscount Bryce, the former British Ambassador at Washington, who was made a peer yesterday, speaking before the Educational Conference in London to-day, said that the English boy is generally far behind the boys of other nations.

Viscount Bryce deplored the apparent decline in the study of the Bible among all classes in England and the United States. It would be an incalculable loss, he said, if a new generation grew up ignorant of the Bible and what the Bible means.

### FOUND CENTRE OF PALATINE.

Prof. Bont Discovered Remains of  
Sacred Enclosure There.

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ROME, Jan. 2.—Prof. Bont's identification of the "mundus," or centre of the ancient city of Rome, with the furrow traced by Romulus, rests partly on the fact that it can be proved to be the exact centre of the Palatine and partly on the finding there of the remains of the sacred enclosure which marked the spot in ancient days.

The discovery includes a tufa slab, which is probably of lazar manalis, and a vaulted granary, in which the sacred stores were kept.

### RAMPOLLA'S POSTS FILLED.

Pope Appoints Two Cardinals in  
Late Prelate's Place.

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ROME, Jan. 2.—Pope Pius appointed Cardinal Ferrata to-day secretary of the Congregation of the Holy Office, and Cardinal Bissolati Grand Prior of the Order of the Knights of Malta. Both these offices were held by the late Cardinal Rampolla.

A rumor that Cardinal O'Connell of Boston is to be made archbishop of St. Louis has been confirmed.

### CAN PAY BOXER INDEMNITY.

Chinese Customs Revenue for 1913  
Shows a Big Increase.

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PEKING, Jan. 2.—Customs revenue for the year 1913, the figures of which have just been made public, was very satisfactory. The total was \$3,960,000 (about \$28,134,400), an increase of 4,000,000 taels (about \$2,560,000).

A majority of the ports show an increase in revenue. The receipts at Shanghai, Hankow and Canton were the greatest in the history of those ports.

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Soldiers Line 400 Miles of Railroad  
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ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 2.—The Czar arrived at Tarskoye yesterday from Livadia for the Russian Christmas.

Soldiers lined the 400 miles of railroad between Moscow and St. Petersburg for two days and nights prior to the passing of the imperial train. There was a furious snowstorm and the men had the greatest difficulty in finding their way back to the rendezvous after the train passed. The muster roll is still incomplete.

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Statements that this company ever had corrupt dealings with John Burke are absolutely false. We have never paid him or any canal official one cent commission. Records and books have been examined by canal officials and are now at your disposal.

Mr. Burke, who is in charge of the commissary department of the Canal Zone, was accused recently of obtaining fraudulent commissions for awarding contracts. The charges were investigated on the isthmus, and no evidence of wrongdoing on Mr. Burke's part was discovered.

### BEGINS CASE AGAINST REILLYS.

Senator Fries Asks Their Extradition  
to Havana.

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LONDON, Jan. 2.—Senator Jose Antonio Fries has begun criminal proceedings here against Hugh J. Reilly, Hugh J. Reilly, Jr., of New York and David Broderick of Connecticut, whom he accuses of obtaining under false pretences, through the American Legation in Havana a year ago, \$557,661 from the Cuban Government.

### RETURNING FROM EUROPE.

Comtesse Benoist d'Azy to Join Husband  
in Washington.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.  
HAYNE, Jan. 2.—Among those leaving to-morrow aboard the French liner La Lorraine for New York are Comtesse Benoist d'Azy, wife of the French Naval Attaché at Washington, and Lieut. Coffman and Auverny of the radiotelegraph service of the French army.

### "THE SUN" IN "LIMELIGHT."

Disastrous Fire Near This Paper's  
Paris Office.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.  
PARIS, Jan. 2.—The Paris office of THE SUN in the Rue de la Michodiere was brilliantly illuminated this morning by the flames from a hoistery shop, the entire stock of which was burned.

### VACANCY IN CUBAN CABINET.

Secretary of State Resigns—Minister  
to U. S. May Succeed Him.

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HAVANA, Jan. 2.—Secretary of State Torrente tendered his resignation to-day to President Menocal, to take effect when his successor is appointed.

### FLASHES FROM THE CABLE.

TANGHER.—It is reported here that Raisuli, the former Moorish brigand, has been proclaimed Sultan of Morocco by his partisans in the interior, who have decided to continue the war at all costs against the European invaders of their country.

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## WON'T SEND BACK REFUGEES.

Secretary Garrison Orders Humane  
Treatment of Fleeing Mexicans.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The dictates of humanity will govern the action of United States military commanders on the Mexican border in regard to Federal or rebel soldiers or others who seek refuge in American territory as a result of the hard fighting at Ojinaga and Nuevo Laredo.

The following order was to-day sent to Brig.-Gen. Bliss, commanding the Mexican border patrol:

"You will have to meet demands of the situation which cannot be foreseen at present. Extend such aid to the wounded as humanity indicates and permit refugees to cross the river if the crossing is necessary to save life.

"In other words, it is not expected to force people back to the Mexican side if they are liable to be shot or otherwise injured on their return. Cooperate fully with the Red Cross.

"You are not expected to turn supplies over to the Red Cross, but to cooperate with them in their work to such extent as may be necessary to meet urgent needs of the situation with reference to caring for the wounded."

In discussing this order Secretary Garrison said:

"With the fighting first took place on the Mexican side and the soldiers of the defeated army began coming across the border, we without regard to technical questions of law and the interest of humanity, took in as refugees all who came unarmed. We kept them so long as conditions on the other side were such that we felt it would be inhuman to turn them back."

"In a general way we kept them until they could be safely allowed to filter across the border into their own country. These orders have never been changed and if properly interpreted the men who have been fighting on the other side of the border and who come over unarmed are treated as refugees and are allowed to stay on our side of the line rather than be turned back to practically certain death."

Armed men who come over are of course disarmed; the arms are held by our people and the men themselves are received as are other refugees.

With regard to what will happen if a very large number of men come over, I can only say that unless the orders are changed, which of course they may be if any emergency calls for a change, these men will be treated as above stated; that is, they will be treated as refugees."

Secretary Garrison declared that so far as he knew no Mexicans entitled to be regarded as refugees under the latter and that the orders to the American military commanders have been turned back into Mexico. He said the party which was turned back near Ojinaga was reported by Gen. Bliss to be other than a regular band and was therefore not received.

The fierceness of the fighting at Ojinaga and Nuevo Laredo has caused much comment here. The present battles seem to be the hardest fought of any in recent months and with the largest number of casualties.

Regret was expressed unofficially in many quarters that the United States could not see its way clear to prevent such a slaughter of human beings as is taking place just across the boundary.

It was pointed out that such battles are fought except for temporary advantage, as there is doubt here that when the United States finds itself ready to act questions regarding the control of the border will be settled by the influence of the Washington Government. Meantime, according to reports from the border, hundreds of men are being slain and wounded on both sides in the border battles.

Nothing is known here as to what the President and John Lind are going to do now that Lind has arrived off Gulfport.

## TO ATTACK SAN LUIS POTOSI.

One Thousand Rebels in Movement—  
Huerta Greets Wilson?

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.  
MEXICO CITY, Jan. 2.—The situation at San Luis Potosi is very serious. One thousand rebels under Gen. Eulalio Gutierrez and Gen. Francisco Coss Santoya and Remos are just north of that city and are moving to attack it.

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